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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An event management system for managing event notifications between disparate systems comprising a means to capture event notifications from ~~any~~ a first external system or device capable of generating an event notification; a means to process said event notifications through a multitude of user-configurable settings, including selection of one or more other systems or devices capable of receiving an event notification through assignment of one or more event notification paths based upon one or more of the nature of the event notification, the first external system or device and the one or more other systems or devices; a means to deliver said event notifications to ~~any said other internal or external systems or devices~~ capable of receiving an event notification based upon the assignment of the one or more event notification paths; a means to facilitate lateral communication between the ~~first~~ device that generated an event notification and a said one or more other systems or devices that received it; a means to permanently record the details of an event notification including the nature of the event notification, the first external system that generated the event notification and the one or more other systems or devices that received the event notification and its life within the system for any purpose, including auditing.

2. (original) An event management system according to claim 1 wherein assignment of event notification paths between event-generating devices and event-receiving devices are applied in a static, scheduled or dynamic manner, or any combination of the three.

3. (newly presented) An event management system according to claim 2 wherein the assignment of event notification paths between event-generating devices and event-receiving devices can be dynamically applied to, or removed from a specific device during the event notification.

4. (newly presented) An event management system according to claim 3 wherein the assignment of event notification paths between event-generating devices and event-receiving devices can be applied in a transitory manner so that they automatically expire when the given event notification expires, and as such, will not persist to subsequent event notifications originating from the same first external system or device.

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**New claims:**

5. (newly presented)           An event management system according to claim 1 wherein additional textual and/or binary data is statically associated with the first external system or device and may be incorporated into the event notification from the first external system or device.
6. (newly presented)           An event management system according to claim 1 wherein additional textual and/or binary data is dynamically associated with the first external system or device and may be incorporated into the event notification from the first external system or device.
7. (newly presented)           An event management system according to claim 1 wherein the system includes a means to provide a detailed synopsis of an event notification delivery status' pertinent to any given first external system or device.
8. (newly presented)           An event management system according to claim 7 wherein the delivery status details may be updated in real-time and may include delivery status disposition.
9. (newly presented)           An event management system according to claim 7 wherein the delivery status disposition includes delivered, failed, and/or rejected.